

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

March 26, 2002

Maricopa Association of Governments Office  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Wickenburg: Fred Carpenter, Chair	*Guadalupe, Mark Johnson
Phoenix: Tom Callow for Jack Tevlin,	Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis
Vice-Chair	Maricopa County: Chris Plumb for Tom
ADOT: Dan Lance	Buick
Avondale: Dave Fitzhugh	*Mesa: Ron Krosting
*Buckeye: Joe Blanton	*Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli
Chandler: Patrice Kraus	Peoria: Burton Charron for David Moody
*Fountain Hills: Randy Harrell	RPTA: Ken Driggs
*Gila Bend: Shane Dille	Scottsdale: Michelle Korf
Gilbert: Tami Ryall	Surprise: Miryam Gutier
Glendale: Jim Book	Tempe: Mary O'Connor
Goodyear: Grant Anderson	

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Regional Bicycle Task Force: Pat	*Pedestrian Working Group: Reed
McDermott, Chandler	Kempton, Maricopa County Dept of
*Street Committee: Don Herp, Phoenix	Transportation
ITS Committee: Jim Book	Telecommunications Advisory Group:
	Jim Hull

\* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG	Andy Smith, ADOT
Paul Ward, MAG	Roger Herzog, MAG
Ali Makarachi, City of Phoenix	Ken Hall, MAG
Bob Antilla, RPTA	

1. Call to Order

Mr. Fred Carpenter, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

Chairman Carpenter noted that he had not received any request to speak cards from the audience, and moved to the next item on the Agenda.

3. Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP - Listing of Projects

Chairman Carpenter introduced MAG Transportation Programming Manager, Mr. Paul Ward, who provided an update of the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Ward called the Committee's attention to Attachment One, located at the back of the agenda packet, which included a full copy of the MAG TIP. Mr. Ward said that Attachment One represented the second edition of the Draft TIP, which included both highway and transit projects for the region. Mr. Ward informed the Committee that he was submitting the TIP for approval as presented in order to accommodate the deadline for conformity analysis. He mentioned that forthcoming project changes were expected from the City of Glendale and the Salt River/Pima Maricopa Indian Community, and that he also expected additional member agencies to have project changes over the next several weeks.

Mr. Ward stated that MAG Staff would be developing Errata Sheets for project changes listed in a number of jurisdictions. He stated that Errata Sheets, which contain changes to TIP projects, would be forwarded to all interested Committee members, and member agencies over the next several weeks in an effort to keep them informed of the process. Discussion followed, and Mr. Ward informed the Committee that ADOT was holding a Special Board Meeting of the State Transportation Board on March 28, 2002, to review and consider the State of Arizona's Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. Mr. Ward stated that ADOT has been using the MAG TIP in comparison with the State Program, and that differences between the MAG TIP and the ADOT Program would be on the Agenda for discussion at the upcoming State Transportation Board meeting.

Mr. Ward informed the Committee of several relevant project changes to the TIP that were located within the City of Glendale, and suggested that Mr. Jim Book might like to provide an overview of the projects. Mr. Book addressed a number of projects located in the vicinity of the new Phoenix Coyotes hockey arena, which is currently under construction. Discussion followed, and Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion on the item. Mr. Grant Anderson moved to approve the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP (Listing of Projects) as presented, with Mr. Tom Callow seconding. The motion was

subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee. There were no further questions, and this concluded Mr. Ward's presentation.

4. 2002 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan

Addressing the next order of business, Chairman Carpenter introduced Mr. Roger Herzog, MAG Senior Project Manager, who provided the Committee with an overview of the 2002 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Herzog called the Committee's attention to Attachment Two of the agenda packet, which included the Draft Executive Summary of the MAG LRTP, and stated that there was a change to the section that was entitled *Finance*, located on Page 2. Mr. Herzog stated that there were a number of comments and concerns addressing the one-half cent sales tax at the last Committee meeting on March 12, 2002, and that changes were made to accommodate these concerns.

Mr. Herzog addressed page two of the Executive Summary, and informed the Committee that changes were made to the third paragraph of the page. Discussion followed, and Mr. Grant Anderson asked for clarification on the narrative changes. Mr. Eric Anderson stated that he felt the corrected updates of the Executive Summary accomplished the objective of what MAG was trying to display. Mr. Eric Anderson then read the third paragraph under the finance section of the Draft Executive Summary. Mr. Eric Anderson informed the Committee that the 2002 Update of the MAG LRTP recognized the end of the one-half cent sales tax for freeways in 2005. He said the MAG LRTP assumes that the one-half cent sales tax is extended for another 20-year period, or that an equivalent amount is raised from other taxes or user fees. The MAG LRTP assumes that the proceeds of a sales tax extension, or the equivalent amount raised from other taxes, are used primarily for freeways, transit, and street purposes.

Discussion followed, and Ms. Mary O'Connor voiced her concern over the fact that the language within the paragraph is unduly restrictive. She stated that she did not like transit language limited to a one-quarter cent sales tax. Ms. O'Connor stated that the sales tax for transit involves a number of items, and that it wasn't necessarily a good idea to define the mix of targeted funds for transit development. There were a number of comments, and Mr. Eric Anderson informed the Committee that staff could go back into the document in an effort to make the narrative clearer in the context of uses of the sales tax. Several members of the Committee concurred that such a change would be acceptable. Mr. Anderson stated that after the meeting, MAG Staff would make the necessary changes and e-mail the draft revision for the third paragraph out to each of the Committee members by the end of the day.

Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion on the item. Mr. Jim Book moved to approve the 2002 Update of the MAG LRTP, with Ms. Mary O'Connor seconding. The motion was subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee. Discussion followed,

and Mr. Eric Anderson provided clarification on issues pertaining to commuter rail, and how certain rail terminology would be addressed within the LRTP. There were no additional questions, and this concluded Mr. Herzog's presentation.

5. Next Meeting Date

Chairman Carpenter informed members in attendance that the next meeting off the Committee would be conducted on April 23, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:25 a.m.